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25 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ASS'T. DIRECTOR, ORE

25X1A Subject:

Reference: (a) Memorandum from Assistant Director for Operations, dated  
28 May 1947  
(b) Memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence,  
dated 3 June 1947

1. Preliminary to the study by ICAPS which is required by Reference (b), ICAPS requests the comments of ORE on this technique.

2. It is the current opinion of ICAPS that the most significant use of this technique will be timely only when ORE is sufficiently staffed to insure complete and detailed analysis of foreign conditions affecting the national security. It should in all probability be restricted in use.

3. Comments of ORE should be returned to ICAPS through OCD for general comment by that office.

/s/ Donald Edgar  
/t/ DONALD EDGAR  
Chief, ICAPS

Encl:  
Ref. (a) & (b)

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7 July 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of ICAPS

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SUBJECT :

Reference a : ICAPS' Memorandum dated 28 June 1947 re same subject

1. Reference a forwarded a memorandum from the Assistant Director of Operations on the subject and expressed the opinion that the most significant use of this technique will be timely only when ORE is sufficiently staffed to insure complete and detailed analysis of foreign conditions affecting the national security.

2. A study of the proposal as submitted by the Assistant Director of Operations indicates that the matter under discussion is fundamentally that of technique of collection of intelligence or intelligence information. ORE, therefore, is properly interested in this subject only in so far as it offers a fruitful source of intelligence. It is desired to observe in this instance that ORE should not participate in the operation of such a technique as it is presumed that intelligence should be collected by competent collectors and this is, of course, the responsibility of one of the CIG collection agencies. Unless, therefore, the mission of ORE has fundamentally changed to include collection, ORE should not indulge in directing or controlling the work of collection by this means.

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3. It is suggested that any such program of [ ] or in the use of [ ] should be very carefully coordinated with the execution of the foreign policy of the United States and as such is, of course, fundamentally a function of the Department of State. Furthermore it is suggested that the organization of a committee to handle the operation of this technique is too cumbersome and would not be productive of any good results. It is believed that results by this technique of intelligence collection can only be attained by the use of a few highly qualified individuals who are given wide authority and discretion in operating this technique.

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Deputy Assistant Director  
Reports and Estimates

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31 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OCD  
THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ORE  
THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OO

Subject:

1. This is to inform you that the Director feels that no action should be taken on subject matter at present.
2. He indicated that action should be held in suspension and the matter be reopened on 1 November 1947.
3. ICAPS will take the necessary steps to reopen the project at the time indicated.

/s/ D. Edgar  
/t/ DONALD EDGAR  
Chief, ICAPS